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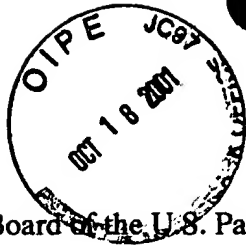
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Appeals Board of the U.S. Patent Agency

I am hereby asking for an appeal hearing on my pending patent on the following grounds:

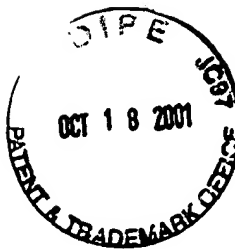
I originally sent in my application for a patent in February of 1999. The examiner looked at them and I received the package back a few months later. There were some comments on the drawings and I made the required changes. The examiner also rejected the claims I had written and I made the required changes to them. Additionally, the examiner insisted I needed to use an attorney. I responded that I'm a senior citizen who is legally blind and that I did not have the funds to hire an attorney but that I was using a book to help me prepare the patent and that I would do everything possible to correct any errors but I was not able to have an attorney. I worked very hard to make the changes I did. I'm an individual, not a corporation, and I have very limited resources. My invention is designed to allow people with very little vision to be able to function better and so I thought it was important to pursue this. While I made corrections to the claims to try to make them proper, I also asked the examiner to write a claim for me, which I had read in the materials was allowed for an individual like me. I sent the package back in twice now and each time it has been returned without even being looked at by the examiner. He has made no comments on the new claims or even inspected them. He simply insists that if I don't have a lawyer, he doesn't have to look at the claims or anything else. I have seen no laws that say I am required to have an attorney. I feel I have been discriminated against for being poor. I just want to have my corrections looked at by an examiner who doesn't discriminate against me this way. If there is still a problem with them, I will work even harder to try to improve them.

Thank you for any help you can give me on this matter.

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SUBJECT 9388069

CLAIMS 1-5 REJECTED.

CLAIMS 3 AND 5 DELETED, STATE OF THE ART DISPLAY PATENT 5 920 371

CLAIMS 1 AND 2:

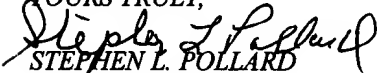
WITHOUT THE COMBINED AMENITIES, A DISABLED PERSON, (AMPUTEE, OR SURGEON,
COULD NOT ACHIEVE INSTANT OPTICAL ALIGNMENT.

VALID CLAIM, NO DISPLAY.

CLAIM 4:

WITH THE COMBINED TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE OF CLAIMS 6 AND CLAIM 7, A PATIENT WITH
NO PRIMARY VISION AND NARROW THRESHOLD OF PERIPHERAL VISION, VALID CLAIM, NO
DISPLAY USING MONOCULARS WITH ROOFTOP PRISMS, EVER OBTAIN A BALANCED PRIMARY
VISION.

YOURS TRULY,


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